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Applicant:  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above referenced application. In the application, an Office Action was mailed on April 16, 2003, indicating a shortened statutory period for response of three months. An amendment and response to the Office Action is filed concurrently herewith, and the Applicants hereby petition the Office for an extension of time of one (1) month. Please note that the 1-month extension would be effective through August 16, 2003.

The small-entity fee for this petition in the amount of \$55.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) is enclosed herewith and made payable to the "Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks."

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